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**Administrative Director Declares Illinois Associate Judges  
Appointed in the Cook County Circuit Court**

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The names of ten new associate judges, selected in a vote of Cook County Circuit Court judges, were announced today by Cynthia Y. Cobbs, Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts.

Ballots listing the names of 20 finalists, chosen from 259 candidates, were distributed to 281 circuit judges. Ballots were due September 17, 2009.

The Alliance of Bar Associations and the Chicago Bar Association evaluated the candidates. Each candidate was interviewed by a nine member nominating committee, comprised of Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans of the Cook County Circuit Court and eight presiding judges.

Judge Evans certified the 20 finalists to the Administrative Director on August 20, 2009.

In accordance with the 1970 Illinois Constitution, the Administrative Office conducted the election pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 39 which directs that twice as many candidates as vacancies be nominated.

Cook County Associate judges serve a four year term and receive an annual salary of \$165,588. By Supreme Court Rule, however, the term for all associate judges will expire on June 30, 2011, regardless of when they were appointed. The ten judges appointed today, as well as those associate judges currently serving, must be reappointed July 1, 2011. Cook County seats 152 associate judges.

The following is a list of the newly selected Cook County associate judges.

Carmen Kathleen Aguilar  
Clarence Lewis Burch  
LaGuina Clay-Clark  
Neil H. Cohen  
Stephen James Connolly  
William Edward Gomolinski  
William Richard Jackson, Jr.  
Demetrios George Kottaras  
Bernard Joseph Sarley  
Jeffrey L. Warnick